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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.